

PHW PROVIDER GUIDANCE

April 20, 2020

Per state direction, PA Health & Wellness (PHW) will be following prior authorization guidelines as described in [PA DHS Provider Quick Tips 241](#) (Revised 5/07/2020) for the services included therein. PHW is requiring providers to follow the specified notification timeframes associated with each individual care setting. Below is a chart outlining the notification timeframes:

Service	Notification Requirement	Notes
Inpatient Hospital Admissions	48 hours	Retrospective review of medical necessity.
Long-Term Acute Care Hospitals	48 hours	Prior authorization will be required for services after the first 30 days.
Home Health	48 hours	Prior authorization will be required for services after the first 28 days.
Hospice Services	N/A	Prior authorization will be required for services after the first 30 days.
Radiology	N/A	Prior authorization of CT scans of the chest related to the diagnosis or treatment of COVID-19 is not required .
Medical Supplies & DME	N/A	Refer to list of services where authorization requirement has been lifted.
Shift Nursing	N/A	This applies to services using procedure codes S9123 and S9124.
Inpatient Rehabilitation Services	48 hours	Prior authorization will be required for services after the first 30 days.
Skilled Nursing Facility Services	48 hours	Prior authorization will be required for services after the first 30 days.

** For services outside of those listed, prior authorization requirements remain in effect.

If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact the PHW Authorizations Team at 844-626-6813.